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For : APPARATUS AND MEASUREMENT PROCEDURE FOR THE FAST,

QUANTITATIVE, NON-CONTACT TOPOGRAPHIC INVESTIGATION OF SEMI-CONDUCTOR WAFERS AND OTHER MIRROR LIKE SURFACES

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following documents for the Examiner's consideration which were cited in a Search Report conducted in Hungarian Patent Application No. P0104057, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular, the Hungarian Examiner cited:

(1) Great Britain Patent Application No. 2 248 500 published April 8, 1992 as an "A" category document (i.e., technological background) with regard to claim 1 of the Hungarian application. The Examiner noted the entire document as being particularly relevant. Moreover, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,369,489 issued November 29, 1994 to SOMEKH, which is identified by the Annex to the Search Report as a U.S. patent family member of the above-cited Great Britain Patent Application;

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(2) Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001135692 published May 18, 2001 as an "A" category document with regard to claim 1 of the Hungarian application. The Examiner noted the entire document as being particularly relevant. Moreover, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,922,482 issued July 26, 2005 to BEN-PORATH, which is identified by the Annex to the Search Report as a U.S. patent family member of the above-cited Great Britain Patent Application;

- (3) Japanese Patent Publication No. 10300685 published November 13, 1998 as an "A" category document with regard to claim 1 of the Hungarian application. The Examiner noted the entire document as being particularly relevant;
- (4) International Publication No. WO 00/29835 as an "A" category document with regard to claim 1 of the Hungarian application. The Examiner noted the entire document as being particularly relevant. Moreover, as a copy of this document was previously submitted, a copy is not enclosed;
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 4,547,073 as an "A" category document with regard to claim 1 of the Hungarian application. The Examiner noted the entire document as being particularly relevant. Moreover, as a copy of this document was previously submitted, a copy is not enclosed.

Further, the Examiner is invited to review the website, <a href="www.hologenix.com">www.hologenix.com</a>, which advertises and sells products for use in the semiconductor industry.

Each of the above-cited documents (1)-(3), and the identified U.S. Patent family members, are listed on the enclosed completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official

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Moreover, copies of the European Search Report and of the cited non-U.S. patent documents are being submitted herewith. However, pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the cited/listed U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. Moreover, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted, István Endre LUKACS et a

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